

JOINT MEETING
LODI CITY COUNCIL AND
LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ANGELINA'S RESTAURANT
1420 W. KETTLEMAN LANE
TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1995
6:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call was recorded by Deputy City Clerk Peterson as follows:

Present: Council Members - Davenport, Pennino, Sieglock, Warner and Mann (Mayor)

Present: Board of Trustees Members - Ken Davis, Bob Weaver, Norman Mowery, Clifford Mettler, Kenneth Mullen, Michael Rude and David Worfolk

Also Present: Deputy City Attorney Luebberke, Assistant City Manager Glenn, Parks & Recreation Director Williamson, Community Development Director Schroeder, Finance Director Flynn, Police Captain Adams, Fire Chief Howard, Associate Superintendent Alberti, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Black, Business Manager Domingo and Administrative Director of Facility Planning Starr

2. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN

Dr. Sam Swofford, LUSD Superintendent, opened the discussion by reviewing several Lodi Unified School District / City of Lodi joint projects and partnership accomplishments. He cited, in particular, the following:

- City water well sites at Washington and Lakewood Schools
- Playground improvements in conjunction with the water well sites at both school locations
- Street widening and the installation of sidewalks at Lawrence School
- Tokay High School swimming pool enlargement
- Implementation of development fees and new school sites
- School Resource Office (police department)
- Drug and narcotics suppression efforts (police department)
- Crimestoppers program introduced in classrooms

Future School Site Projects

Considerable discussion centered on the possible use of the Needham School site for the location of an indoor sports center. It was pointed out that the Parks and Recreation Commission has an interest in pursuing this idea. District officials pointed out that the district will have an ongoing need for some of the space at that location. Mayor Mann asked, with an affirmative response, that joint use of that site would be acceptable. Community Development Director Schroeder stated the main building at Needham School is not "earthquake safe". Parks and Recreation Director Williamson noted the possibility of using the Needham School site for the location of a community facility, and suggested it might be cheaper to level the structures and start over. Mr. Williamson further added the City is very interested in retaining the use of the grass area at the school. Mayor Mann proposed a joint task force (City Council/School Board) be formed to study the Needham School issue. Council Members expressed the need to proceed with the formation of such a group.

Assistant City Manager Glenn commented the City has received a request from the District to assist in the placing of poles at Tokay High School for the development of a team building "ropes" course.

Disaster Preparedness

Fire Chief Howard advised those in attendance that the District has been invited to participate in the development of a City Disaster Preparedness Plan. The Emergency Operating Center would be located in the Library's Community Room, and the District would be of considerable assistance in making certain school sites are available as evacuation centers for housing a feeding people. The use of school buses to move people in the event of a disaster would also be most helpful.

Economic Development

Council Member Pennino reminded those in attendance of the increased emphasis the City is putting on economic development, noting the District is the City's largest employer. He asked District officials about future plans for the Lincoln School site or Cherokee Lane. Facilities Planner Starr responded that part of the site will continue to be used for adult education.

Future Joint Meetings

It was suggested that there be a series of meetings on a two-by-two basis (two Council Members and two School District Board Members) joined by the School District Superintendent and the City Manager.

Council Member Warner stated he thought the two bodies should meet together annually. Others expressed the value of an annual or semi-annual meeting.

Miscellaneous Council Comments


Council Member Pennino cited the creation of the new Youth Commission as another example of City/School District cooperation.

Council Member Sieglock made some summary comments, stating he was in favor of school uniforms, and opposed year-round schools. He talked of a new financing structure to bring about the completion of the Hutchins Street Square project, and the construction of an indoor sports facility. He challenged those in attendance to "Dare to Dream".

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the LUSD Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Thomas A. Peterson
Deputy City Clerk